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Letter dated 31 March 2000 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I regret to inform you that troops from the Rwandan and Ugandan regular armies are currently reinforcing their positions around the town of Kisangani.

My Government is greatly concerned by these deployments, which may provoke a second clash between the armies of these aggressor countries in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The Security Council will recall the clashes in this same martyred town in August 1999, which resulted in the deaths of hundreds of Congolese civilians.

My Government, which deplores this situation, once again requests the Security Council, as the principal United Nations body for the maintenance of international peace and security, to assume fully its responsibilities and call for the immediate withdrawal of these troops from Congolese national territory.

My Government also requests the Security Council to take note of and strongly condemn these military manoeuvres and these further flagrant violations by the two countries of the Lusaka Agreement and the relevant provisions of Security Council resolution 1291 (2000).

My Government would be grateful if the Security Council went beyond simply taking note of the offensives being conducted by these countries in Congolese territory and strongly condemned the aggression to which the Democratic Republic of the Congo has been subjected since 2 August 1998 by the armed coalition of Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi.

The Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo asks the Security Council to work tirelessly and to spare no effort so that this horrible situation of war, which is exacerbating the misery of the Congolese people, can be brought to an end as soon as possible.

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My Government would be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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